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## CONSUMERS' COMPANY ALWAYS RIGHT

**Big Coal Combine Doesn't Think Its Scales Are Ever  
Wrong—If You Think They're Wrong, You Can  
Go to Court About It—Discrepancy Shown.**

The biggest coal handler in Chicago is Consumers' Co. Because it owns mines, has close railroad associations and is a power in politics, the company is often called the coal trust of Chicago. Besides selling coal to those who pay cash for it, the company runs a charity bureau, which claims to send 50 pounds of coal to any family of "deserving poor." Also the company spends around \$250,000 a year for advertising, most of it going to newspapers.

Ald. Wm. E. Rodriguez called today on City Sealer Morris Eller, who promised to get for Rodriguez a com-

plete and accurate report on the public scales at the Schley school.

"Either the Schley school scales are wrong or the Consumers' Co. purposely or mistakenly cheats its customers by short weight," said Rodriguez. "I would not state this so bluntly if I hadn't run across the very peculiar policy followed by Consumers Co. in giving what it calls service to its customers."

The alderman showed weigh bills for Nov. 2 and 3 issued by Consumers' Co. to P. Belous of 1221 N. Claremont av.; also weigh bills of the same date from the Schley school scales,